

III. Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A heat sink for convection cooling in horizontal applications, comprising:

a plurality of spaced apart cooling fins, wherein each cooling fin has a center portion and opposing outer portions; and

an angled base supporting the center portions of the cooling fins, wherein the outer portions of the cooling fins extend beyond an outer edge of the base, wherein the angled base comprises a central region for receiving a surface to be cooled and opposing end regions adjacent the central region, and wherein the opposing end regions are tapered.

2.(Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The heat sink of claim 1 2, wherein the central region has a greater width than the end regions.

4. (Currently Amended) The heat sink of claim 1 2, wherein a bottom surface of each end region is angled with respect to the central region.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The heat sink of claim 1, wherein the cooling fins are transversely attached on the base and extend from the base in a substantially vertical direction.

7. (Original) The heat sink of claim 1, wherein the outer portions of the cooling fins are tapered.

8. (Currently Amended) A heat sink for convection cooling in horizontal applications, comprising:

a plurality of spaced apart cooling fins, wherein each cooling fin has a center portion and opposing outer portions, and wherein the opposing outer portions of the plurality of spaced apart cooling fins are tapered;

an angled base supporting the center portions of the cooling fins, wherein the outer portions of the cooling fins extend beyond an outer edge of the base so that air can flow horizontally beneath the base and then vertically through the spaced apart cooling fins; and

wherein the cooling fins are transversely attached to the base and extend from the base in a substantially vertical direction, and wherein the angled base comprises a central region for receiving a surface to be cooled and opposing end regions adjacent the central region.

9. (Currently Amended) The heat sink of claim 8, wherein a bottom surface of each of the opposing end regions of the angled base is angled with respect to the central region ~~the base is angled with respect to a surface to be cooled and comprises:~~

~~—— a central region for receiving the surface; and~~

~~—— opposing end regions adjacent the central region.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The heat sink of claim 8 9, wherein the opposing end regions of the angled base are tapered ~~a bottom surface of each end region is angled with respect to the central region.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The heat sink of claim 8 9, wherein the central region has a greater width than the end regions.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A heat sink for convection cooling in horizontal applications, comprising:

a plurality of spaced apart cooling fins, wherein each cooling fin has a center portion and opposing outer portions;

a base supporting the center portions of the cooling fins, wherein the base comprises a central region for receiving a surface to be cooled and opposing end regions adjacent the central region, and wherein a bottom surface of each end region is angled with respect to the central region; and

wherein the outer portions of the cooling fins extend beyond an outer edge of the base so that air can flow horizontally beneath the base and then vertically through the spaced apart cooling fins, and wherein the outer portions of the plurality of spaced apart cooling fins and the opposing end regions of the base are tapered.

14. (Original) The heat sink of claim 13, wherein the central region of the base has a greater width than the opposing end regions of the base.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) The heat sink of claim 13, wherein the base is horizontally mounted on the surface to be cooled.

17. (Currently Amended) A heat sink for convection cooling of microelectronic devices, comprising:

a plurality of spaced apart cooling fins, wherein each cooling fin has a center portion and opposing outer portions;

an angled base supporting the center portions of the cooling fins, wherein the base comprises a central region for receiving a surface to be cooled and opposing end regions extending from the central region, wherein the central region has a greater width than the end regions; and

wherein the outer portions of the cooling fins extend beyond an outer edge of the base so that air can flow horizontally beneath the base and then vertically through the spaced apart cooling fins, and wherein opposing outer portions of the plurality of spaced apart cooling fins are tapered.

18. (Original) The heat sink of claim 17, wherein a bottom surface of each opposing end region is angled with respect to the central region.

19. (Currently Amended) The heat sink of claim 17, wherein the opposing end regions of the base ~~and the outer portions of the cooling fins~~ are tapered.

20. (Currently Amended) A heat sink for convection cooling in horizontal applications, comprising:

a plurality of spaced apart cooling fins, wherein each cooling fin has a center portion and opposing outer portions;

a base supporting the center portions of the cooling fins, wherein the base includes a central region for receiving a surface to be cooled and opposing end regions adjacent the central region, wherein the central region has a greater width than the end regions, and wherein a bottom surface of each end region is angled with respect to the central region; and

wherein the outer portions of the cooling fins extend beyond an outer edge of the base so that air can flow horizontally beneath the base and then vertically through the spaced apart fins, ~~and~~ wherein the cooling fins are transversely attached on the base and extend in a substantially vertical direction, and wherein the opposing end regions of the base are tapered.

21. (Currently Amended) The heat sink of claim 20, wherein the outer portions of the plurality of spaced apart cooling fins ~~and the opposing end regions of the base~~ are tapered.

22. (Original) The heat sink of claim 20, wherein the base is horizontally mounted on the surface to be cooled.

23. (Currently Amended) A heat sink for convection cooling in horizontal applications, comprising:

a plurality of spaced apart cooling fins, wherein each cooling fin has a center portion and opposing outer portions;

an angled base supporting the center portions of the cooling fins, wherein the outer portions of the cooling fins extend beyond an outer edge of the base so that air can flow horizontally beneath the base and then vertically through the spaced apart cooling fins; and

wherein the angled base comprises a central region for receiving a surface to be cooled and opposing end regions adjacent the base, and wherein the opposing end regions are tapered is ~~horizontally mounted on a surface to be cooled.~~

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) The heat sink of claim 23 ~~24~~, wherein the central region has a greater width than the end regions.

26. (Currently Amended) The heat sink of claim 23 ~~24~~, wherein a bottom surface of each end region is angled with respect to the central region.

27. (Currently Amended) The heat sink of claim ~~23~~ 24, wherein ~~the end regions and~~ the outer portions of the plurality of spaced apart cooling fins are tapered.

28. (Original) The heat sink of claim 23, wherein the cooling fins are transversely attached on the base and extend in a substantially vertical direction.

29. (Currently Amended) A heat sink for convection cooling in horizontal applications, comprising:

a plurality of spaced apart cooling fins, wherein each cooling fin has a center portion and opposing outer portions;

a base supporting the center portions of the cooling fins, wherein the base comprises a central region for receiving a surface to be cooled and tapered opposing end regions adjacent the central region, and wherein a bottom surface of each end region is angled with respect to the central region; and

wherein the outer portions of the cooling fins are tapered and extend beyond an outer edge of the base so that air can flow horizontally beneath the base and then vertically through the spaced apart cooling fins, and wherein the cooling fins are transversely attached to the base and extend from the base in a substantially vertical direction.

30. (Currently Amended) A heat sink for convection cooling of microelectronic devices, comprising:

a plurality of spaced apart cooling fins, wherein each cooling fin has a center portion and opposing outer portions;

an angled base supporting the center portions of the cooling fins, wherein the base comprises a central region for receiving a surface to be cooled and tapered opposing end regions adjacent the central region, wherein the central region has a greater width than the end regions; and

wherein the outer portions of the cooling fins are tapered and extend beyond an outer edge of the base so that air can flow horizontally beneath the base and then vertically through the spaced apart cooling fins, and wherein the cooling fins are transversely attached to the base and extend in a substantially vertical direction.